

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1–8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a microcapsule comprising the following sequential steps of suspending an oil-based water-immiscible core material in an aqueous solution of gum arabic, and then adding an aqueous-~~alkaline~~ solution of an enteric anionic cellulose derivative wherein the enteric anionic cellulose derivative has been dissolved in an aqueous alkaline solution.

Claim 10 (New) The method for producing a microcapsule according to claim 9, wherein said enteric anionic cellulose derivative is hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate and/or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate.

Claim 11 (New) The method for producing a microcapsule according to claim 9, wherein said oil-based core material is an organic compound with a boiling point of 100°C or greater.

Claim 12 (New) The method for producing a microcapsule according to claim 9, wherein said oil-based core material is selected from the group consisting of fat-soluble vitamins, water-insoluble or sparkingly water soluble drugs, and pheromones.